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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Philippe L. MAIER, et al.  
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FOR: A POWDER MATERIAL FOR AN ABRADABLE SEAL

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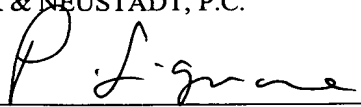
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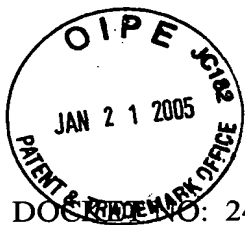
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.